

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Kindly amend Claim 1 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A piezo-electric speaker comprising a piezo-electric member generating a strain according to an electric signal applied thereto; a piezo-electric vibration plate coupled with and suspending said piezo-electric member and converting the strain to the acoustic vibration; and a sound-board resonating to the acoustic vibration; said piezo-electric member having an area smaller than said piezo-electric vibration plate so that said piezo-electric member ^{member} is spaced from and out of contact with said sound board and the piezo-electric ~~plate~~ being supported on the sound-board; the acoustic vibration caused by the piezo-electric vibration plate being propagated from the sound-board to the ambient air to generate a sound.

2. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 1 further comprising an elastic member supporting the piezo-electric vibration plate on the sound-board for generating a sound from the sound-board transmitted thereto from the piezo-electric vibration plate via the elastic member.

3. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 2 wherein the elastic member is adhered to the whole surface of the piezo-electric vibration plate.

4. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 2 wherein the elastic member supports the piezo-electric vibration plate at the periphery thereof.

5. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 1 further comprising a vibration transmitting member having a vibration propagating velocity higher than that of the sound-board for supporting the periphery of the piezo-electric vibration plate; the vibration transmitting member being mounted in an aperture formed in the sound-board.

6. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 1 further comprising a vibration transmitting member having a vibration propagating velocity higher than that of the sound-board for supporting the periphery of the elastic member; the vibration transmitting member being mounted in an aperture formed in the sound-board.

7. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 5 wherein the vibration transmitting member is a circle-annular vibration ring.

8. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 5 wherein the vibration transmitting member is a plate-shaped vibration board.